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FORTY
YEARS



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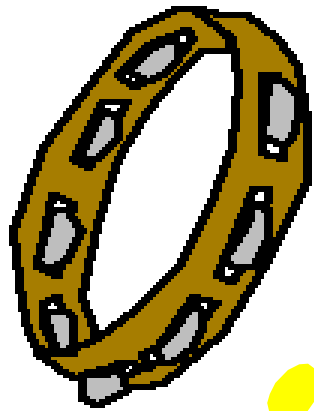
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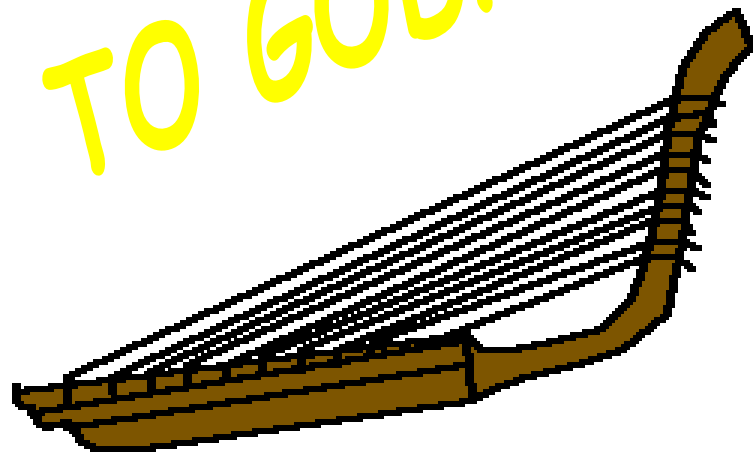
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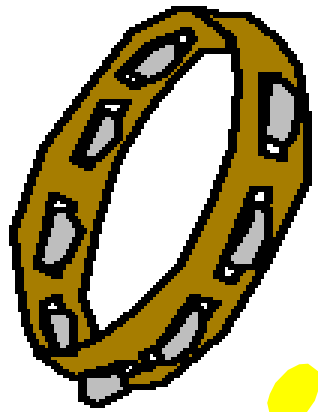




When God rescued the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses led the people in worship. He made up a song of praise.

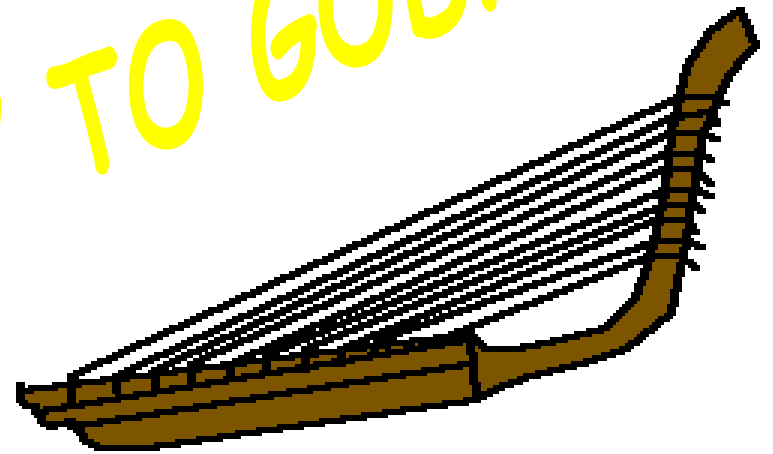
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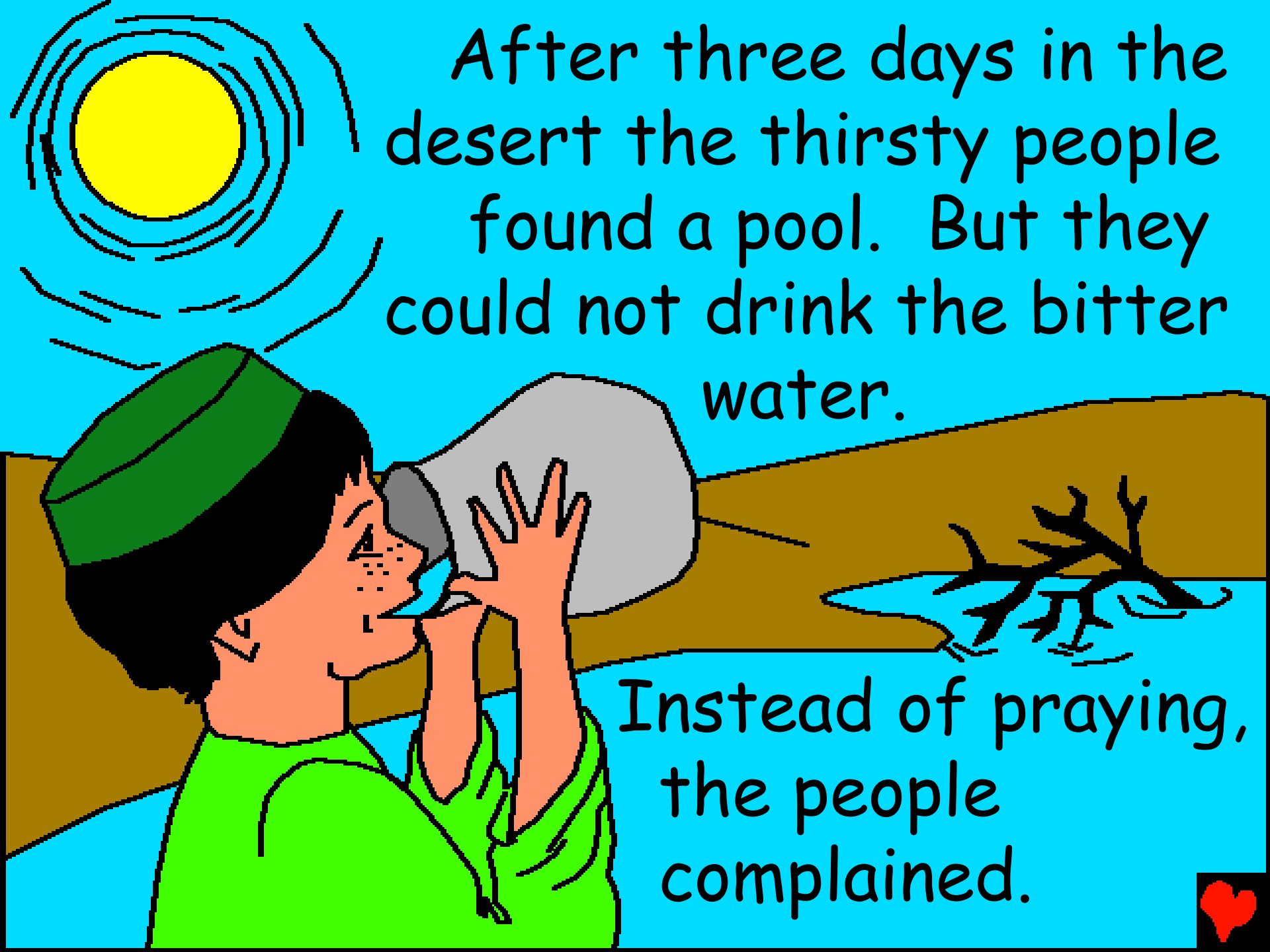




"I will sing unto the LORD
for He has triumphed
gloriously." Moses sang
of all the great things
God had done for
Israel.


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GLORY TO GOD!





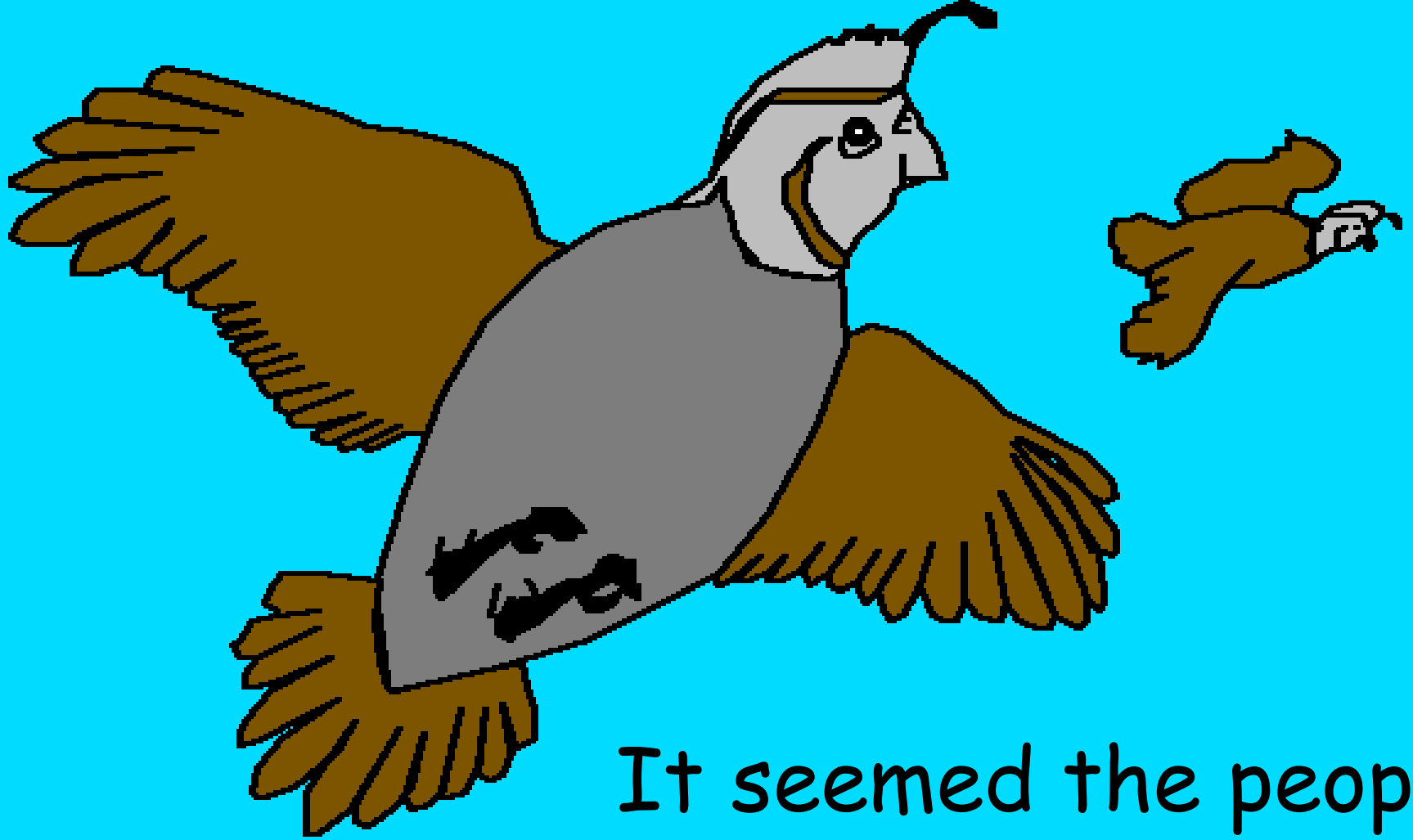
After three days in the desert the thirsty people found a pool. But they could not drink the bitter water.

Instead of praying, the people complained.



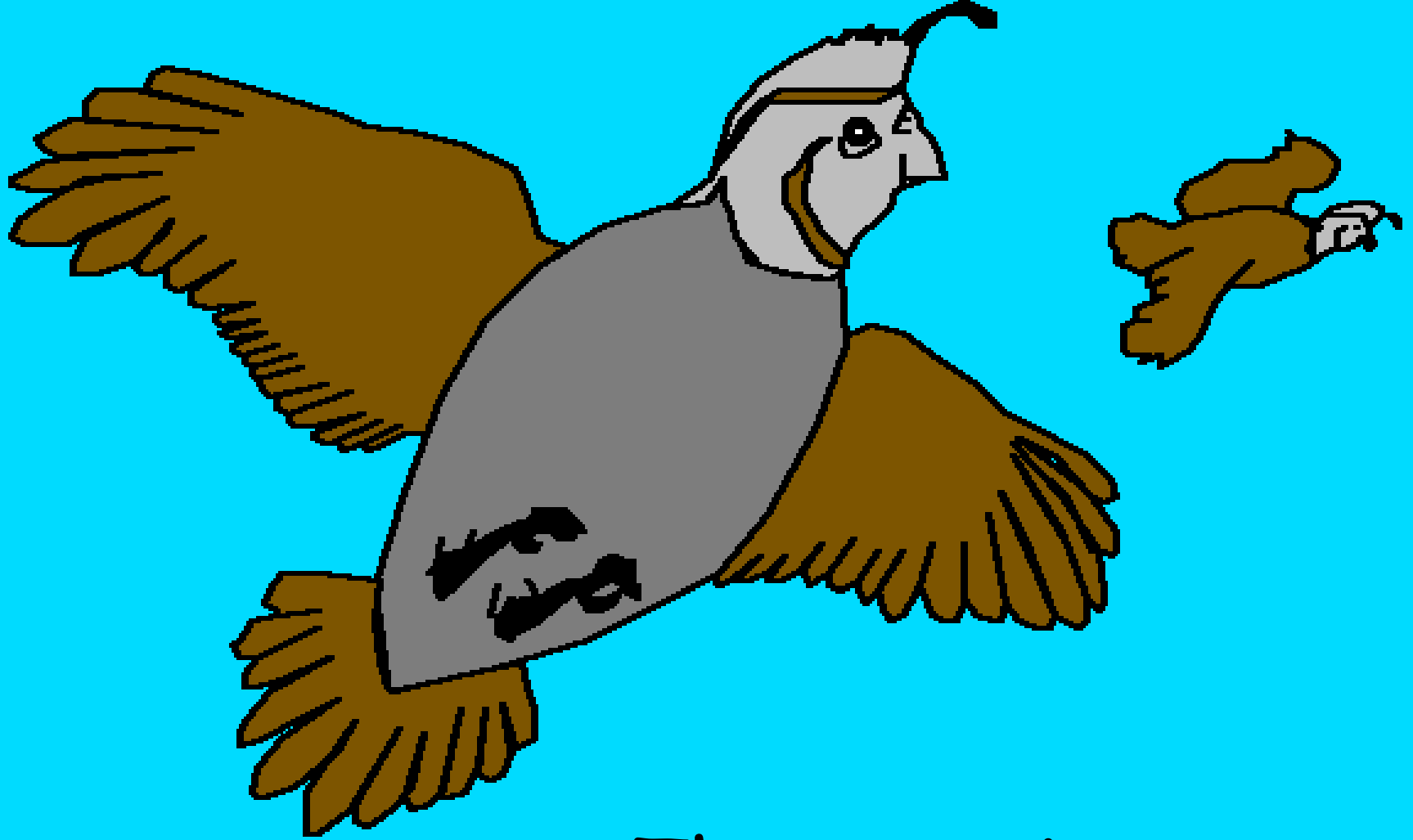
God was very kind.
He made the water
good to drink.





It seemed the people complained about everything. "We had food in Egypt. In the desert we will die of hunger," they cried.



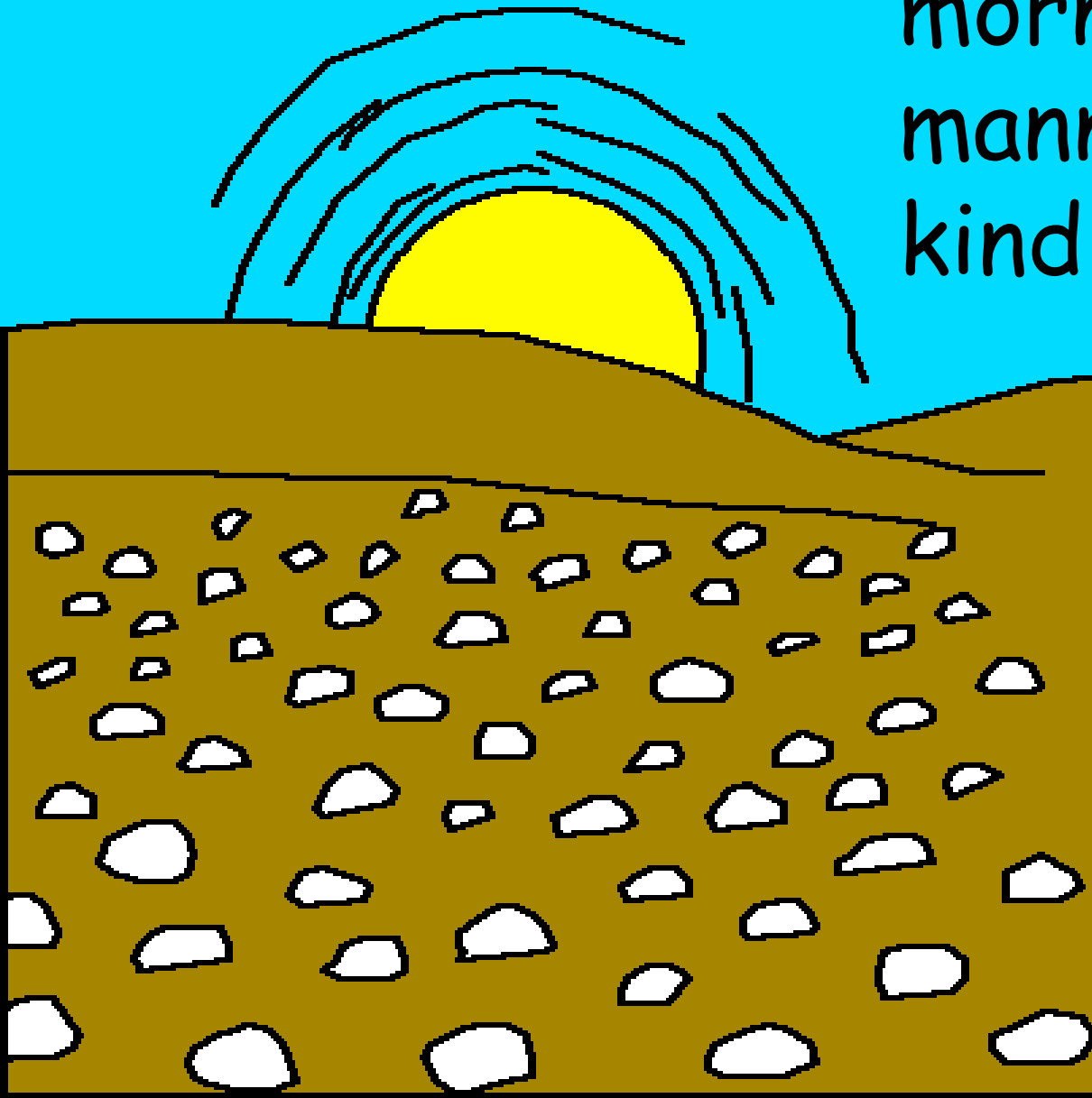


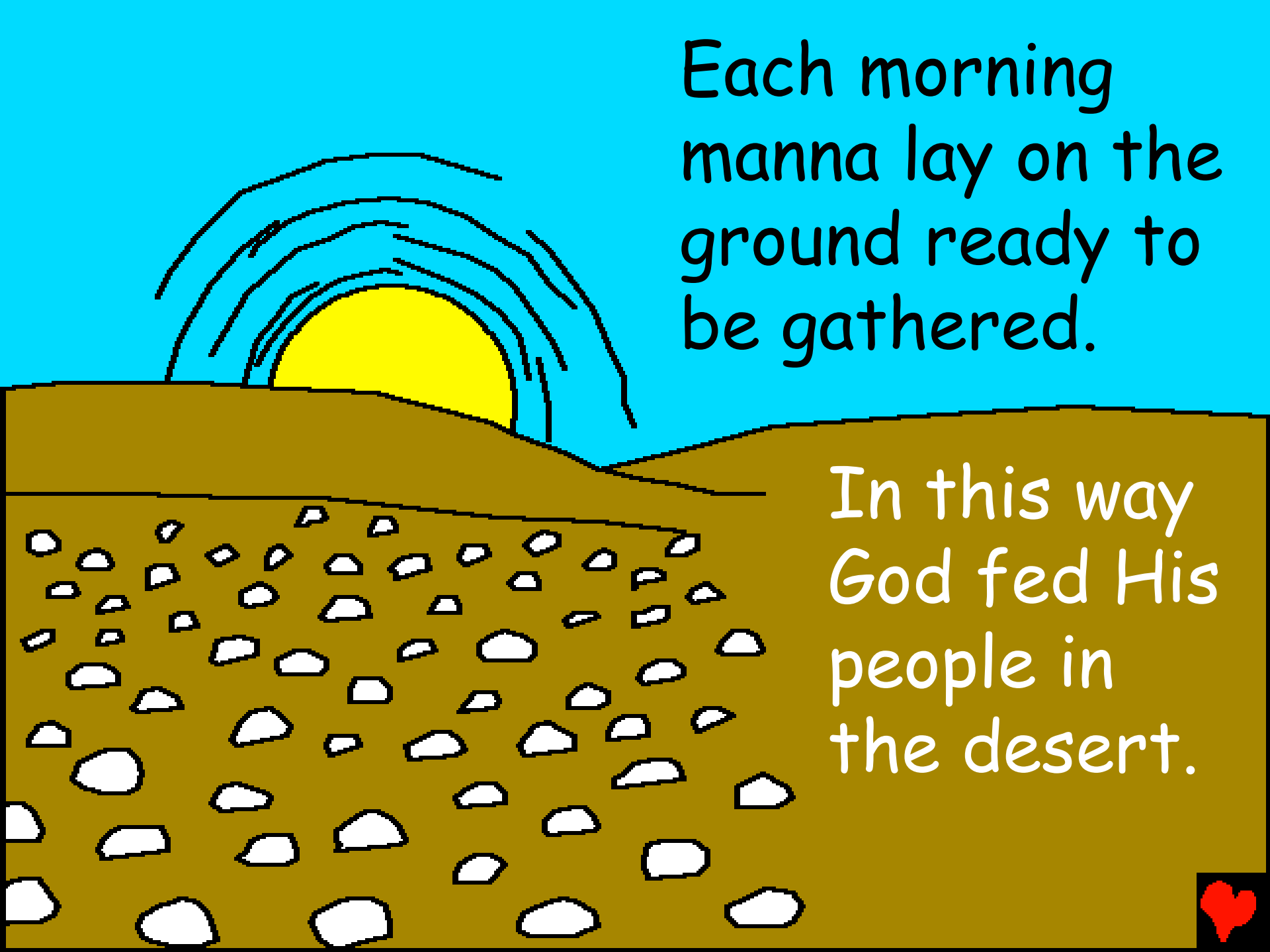
That evening
God sent birds called quails.
The people caught them easily.



The next morning God sent manna. It was a kind of bread

that tasted like honey wafers.



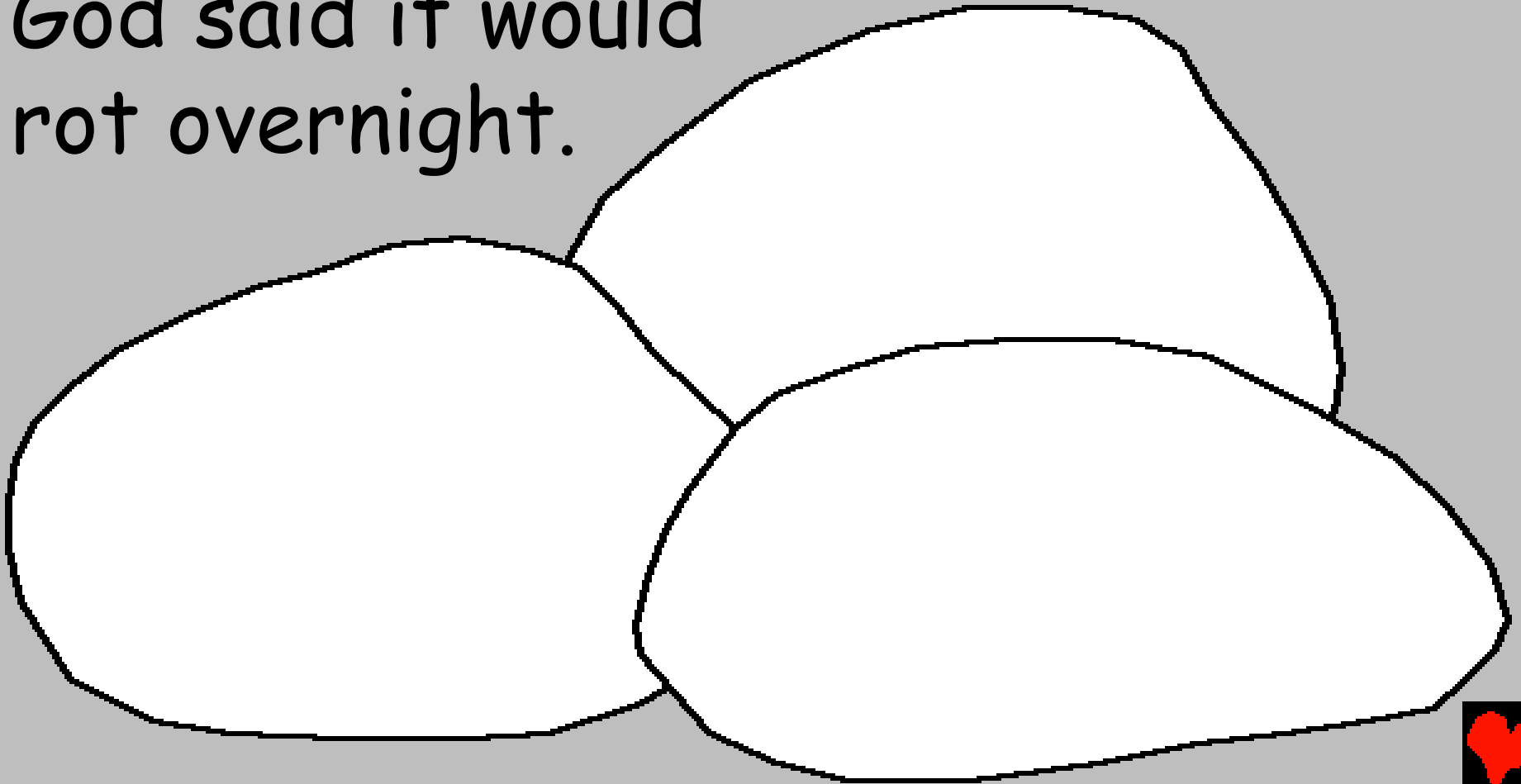


Each morning
manna lay on the
ground ready to
be gathered.

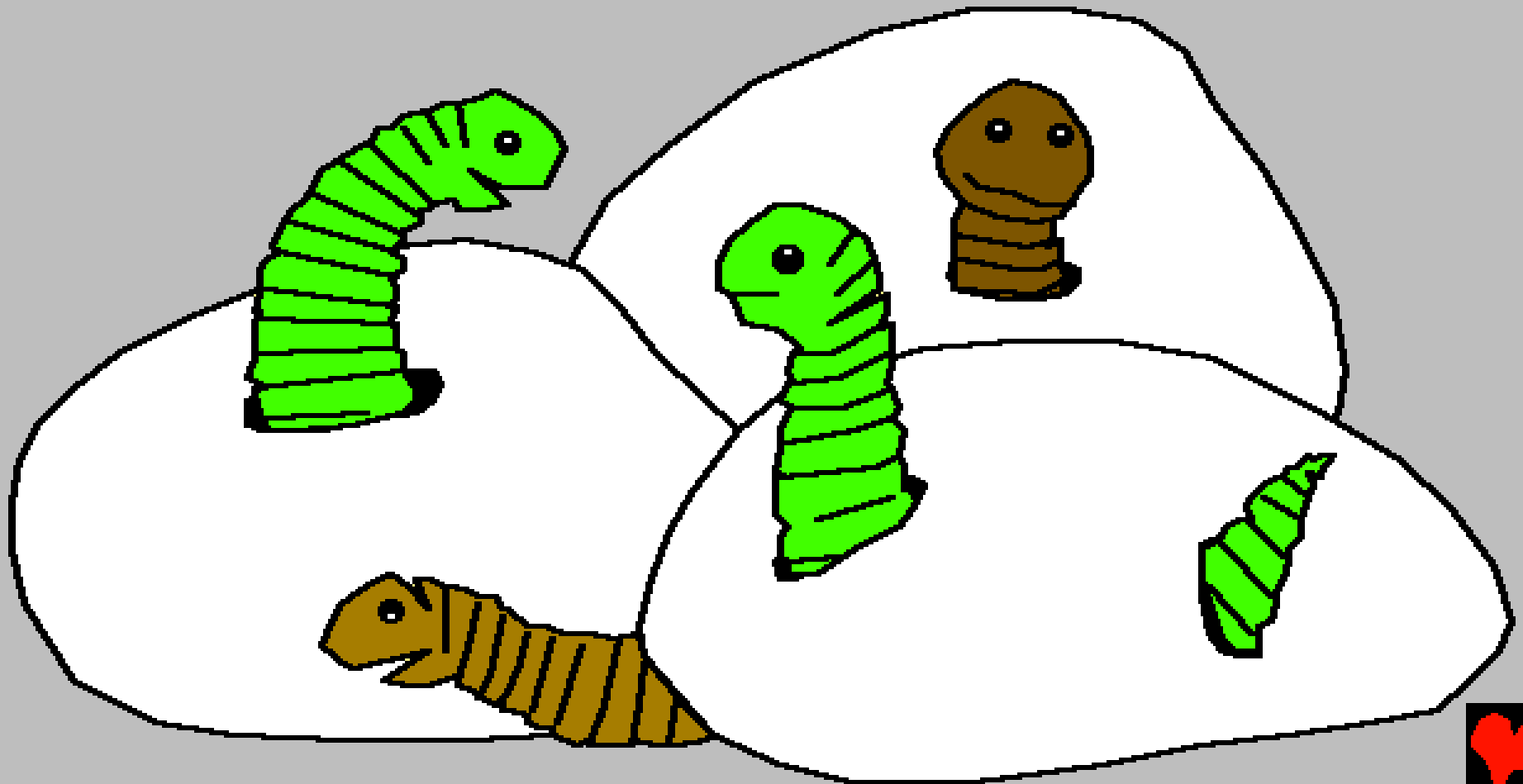
In this way
God fed His
people in
the desert.



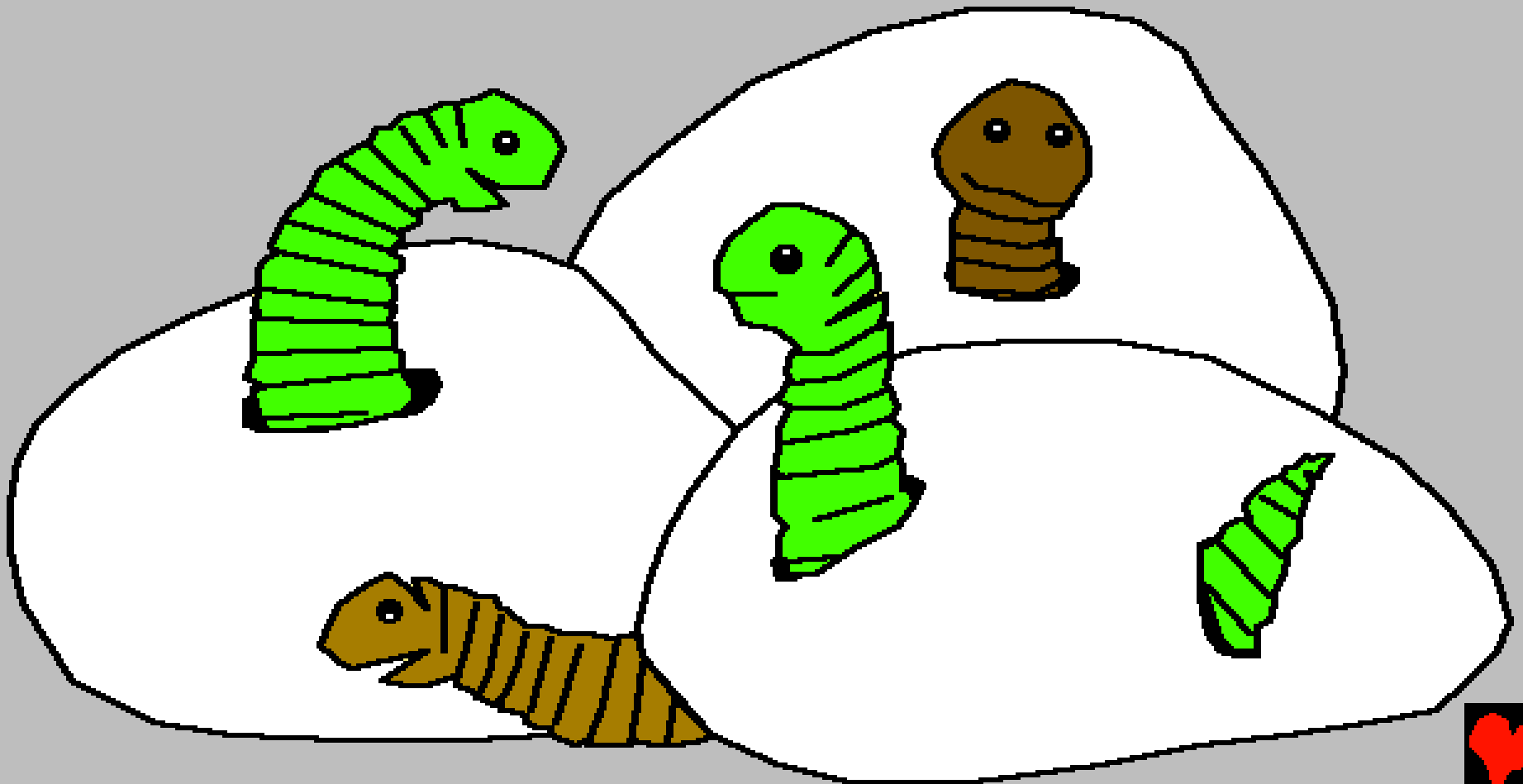
They were to trust God every day for new food. But some people gathered extra manna, even though God said it would rot overnight.



Sure enough, yesterday's manna was full of maggots -- except on Sabbath day.

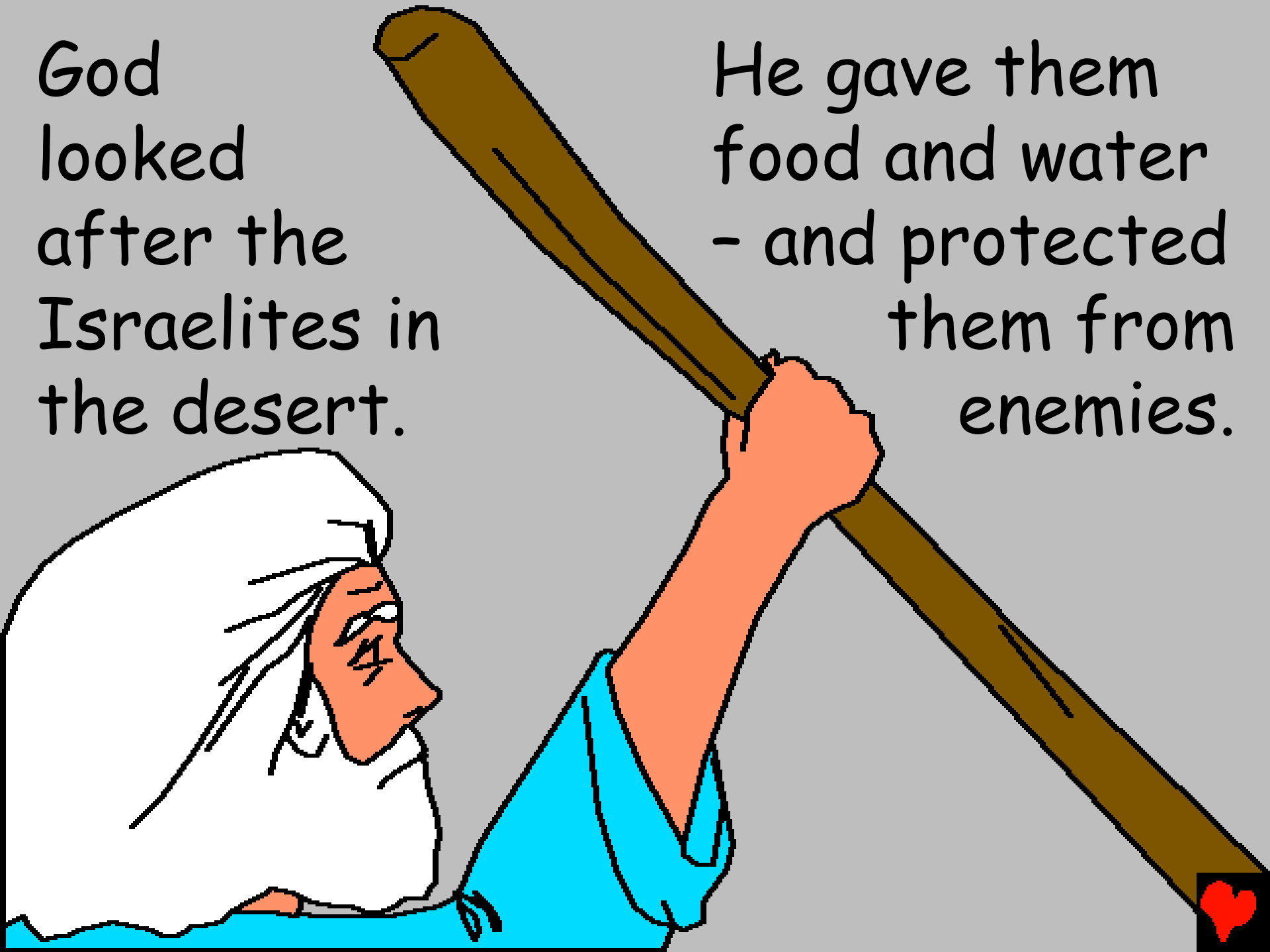


On that special seventh day the people rested and ate yesterday's manna.



God
looked
after the
Israelites in
the desert.

He gave them
food and water
- and protected
them from
enemies.



When the Amalekites attacked, Israel kept winning

the battles as long as Moses held up the rod of God.





God said to
the Israelites,
"If you obey My voice you will
be My special people." "All God
says, we will do," the
people told Moses.





They came to the foot of Mount Sinai and waited while Moses went to meet God.





Moses was
with God
on the
mountain
for forty
days.
God
wrote
the Ten
Commandments
on two ...





... slabs
of stone.
He told
Moses
how He
wanted
His
people
to live.



1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

2. "Do not make or bow down to images."

3. "Do not take the LORD's name in vain."



4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

5. "Honor your father and your mother."

6. "You shall not murder."

7. "You shall not commit adultery."

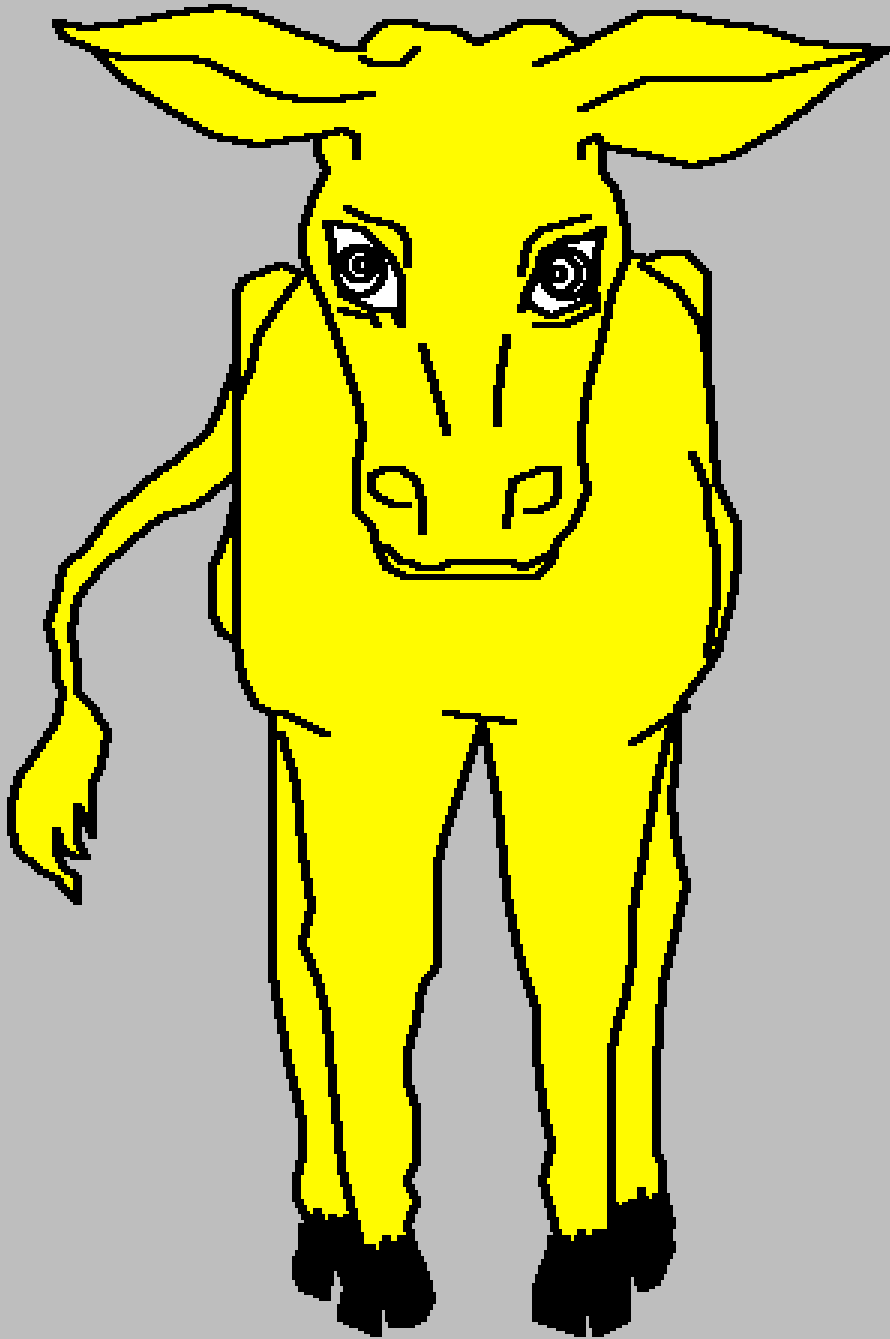


8. "You shall
not steal."

9. "You shall
not tell lies."

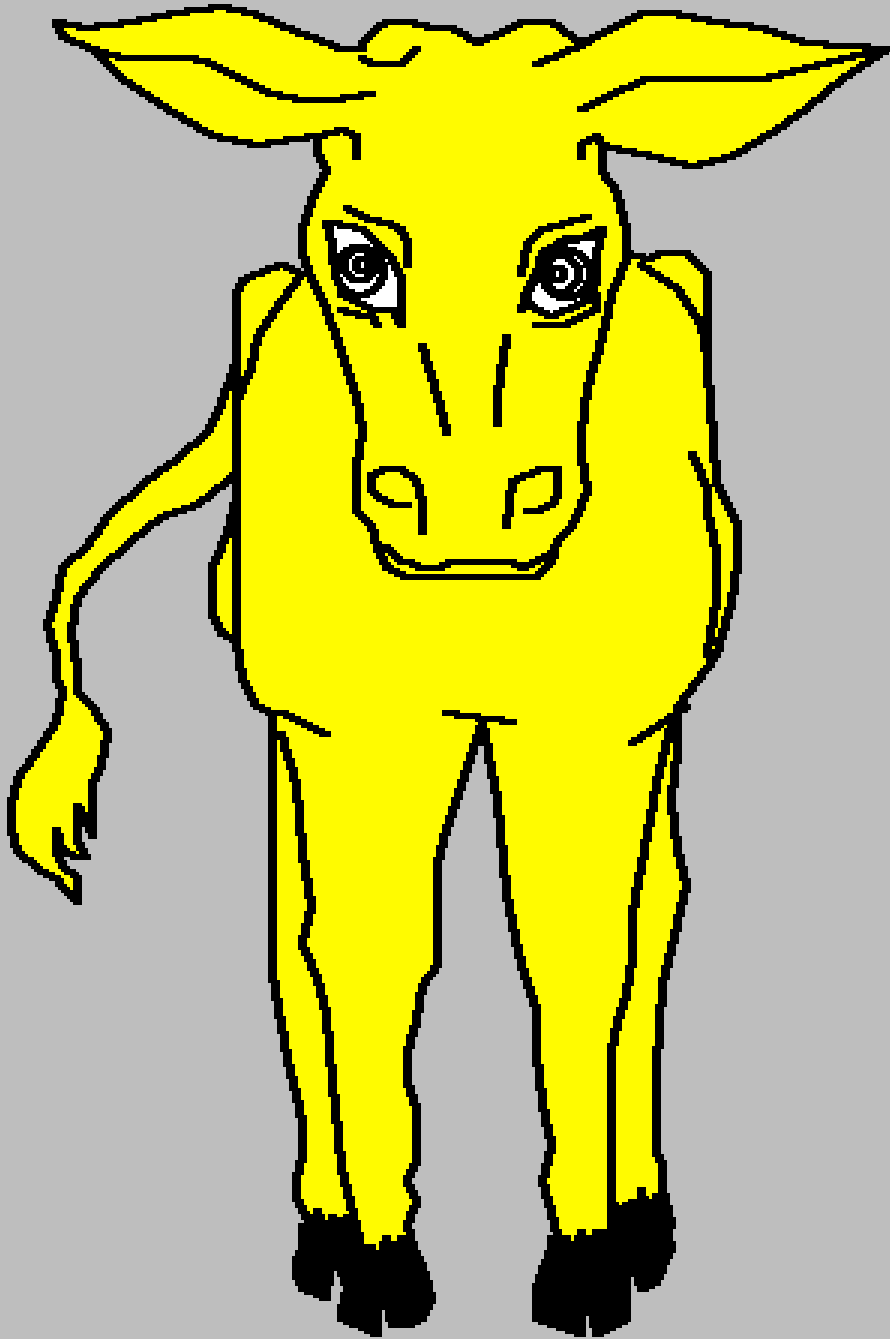
10. "You shall
not covet."





While Moses was with God on Mount Sinai the Israelites did something dreadful.





They ordered
Aaron to make a
golden calf --
and they
worshiped that
instead of God.

God was very
angry. So was
Moses.

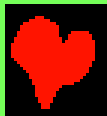
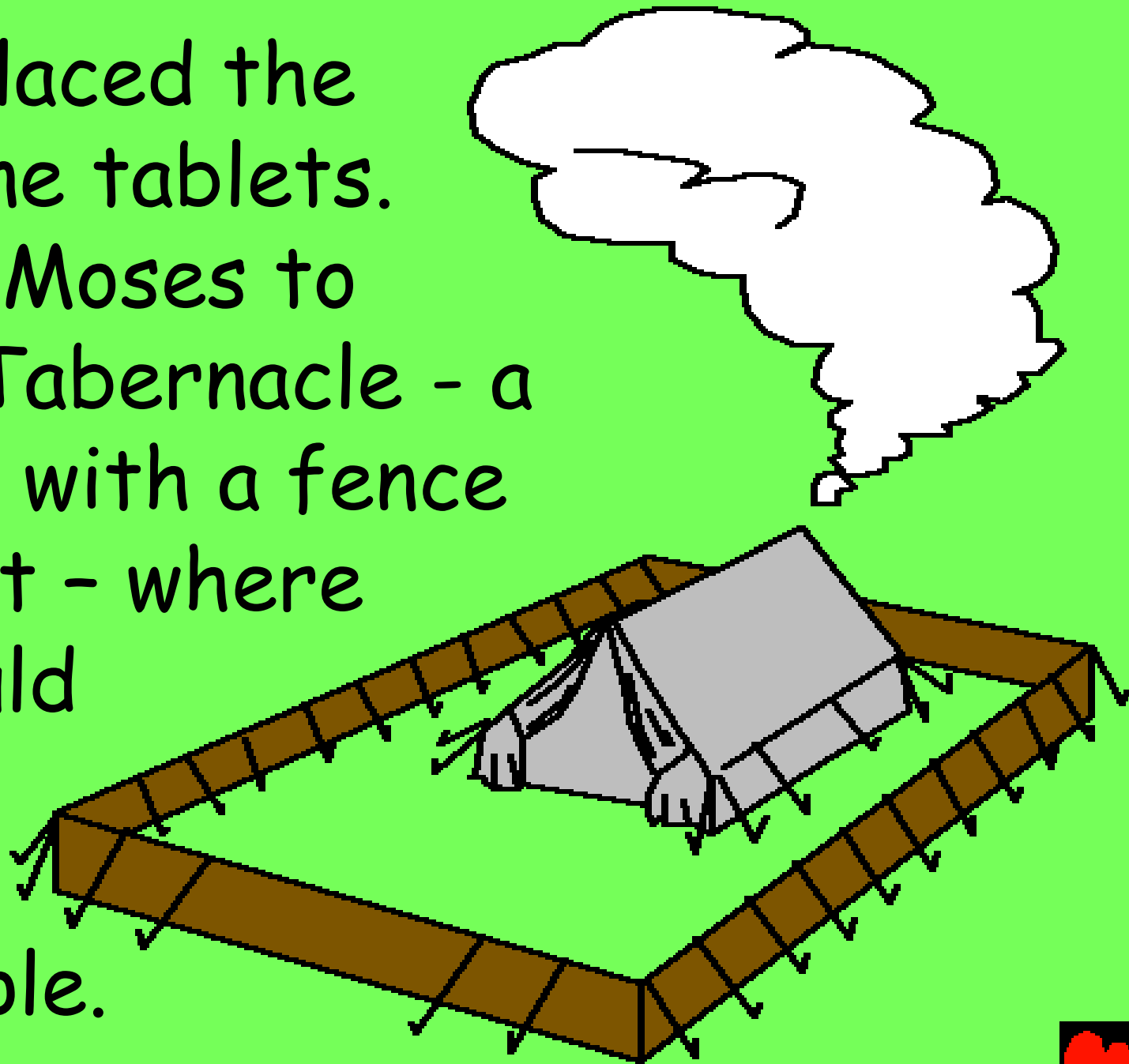




When Moses saw the calf and the people dancing, he smashed the stone tablets on the ground. Angrily Moses destroyed the golden idol. The wicked men who worshiped it were killed.



God replaced the two stone tablets. He told Moses to build a Tabernacle - a big tent with a fence around it - where God would dwell with His people.



They were to
worship God there.
The pillar of cloud
and fire showed God
was present
with them.



As they neared Canaan, Moses sent twelve spies to see the land God promised to His people.



The spies all agreed it was beautiful!
But only two, Joshua and Caleb,
believed they could conquer the land
with God's help.



The other ten spies were
afraid of the strong
cities and giants in
the land.

"We can't
take the

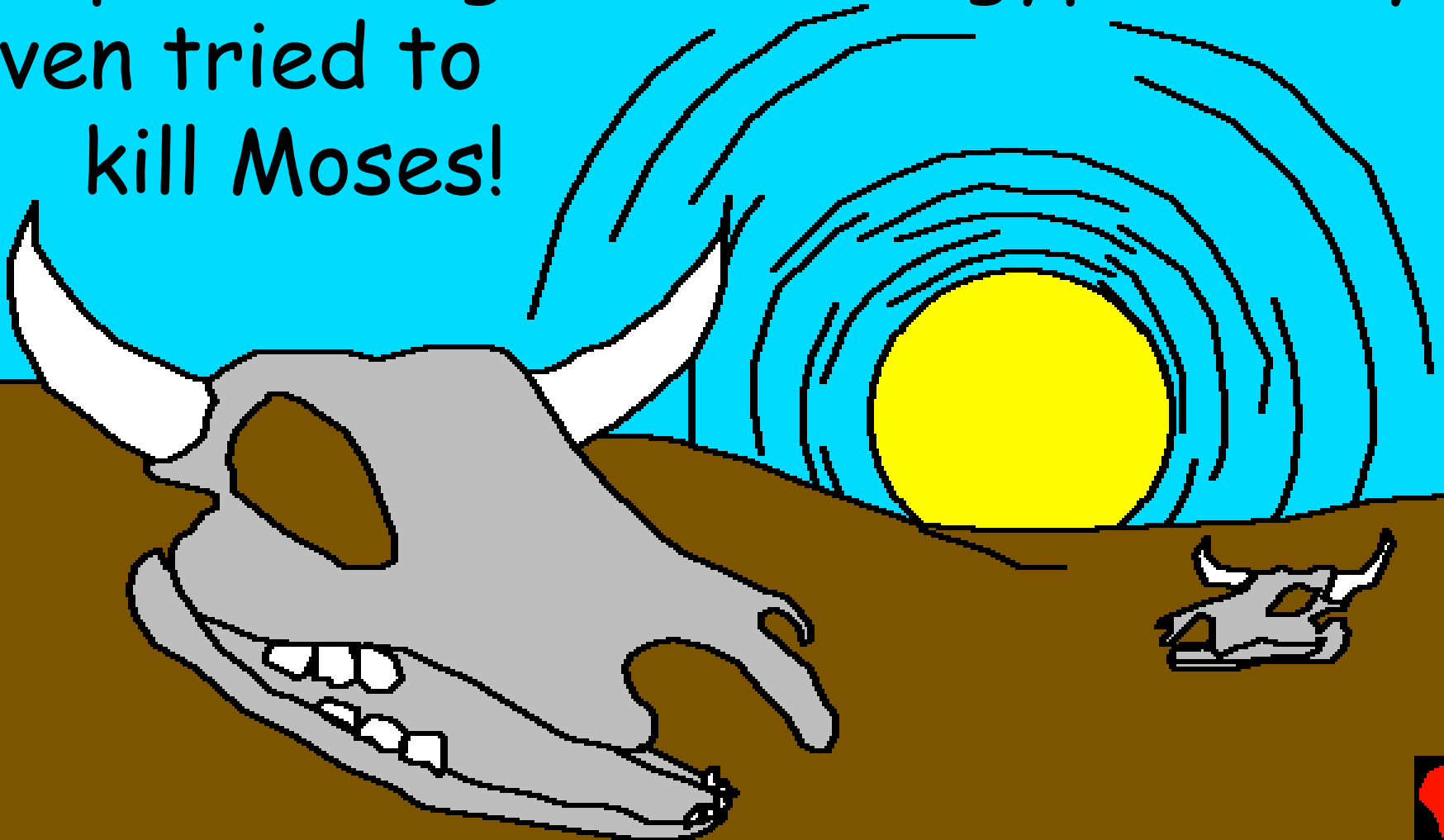
land,"
they
moaned.



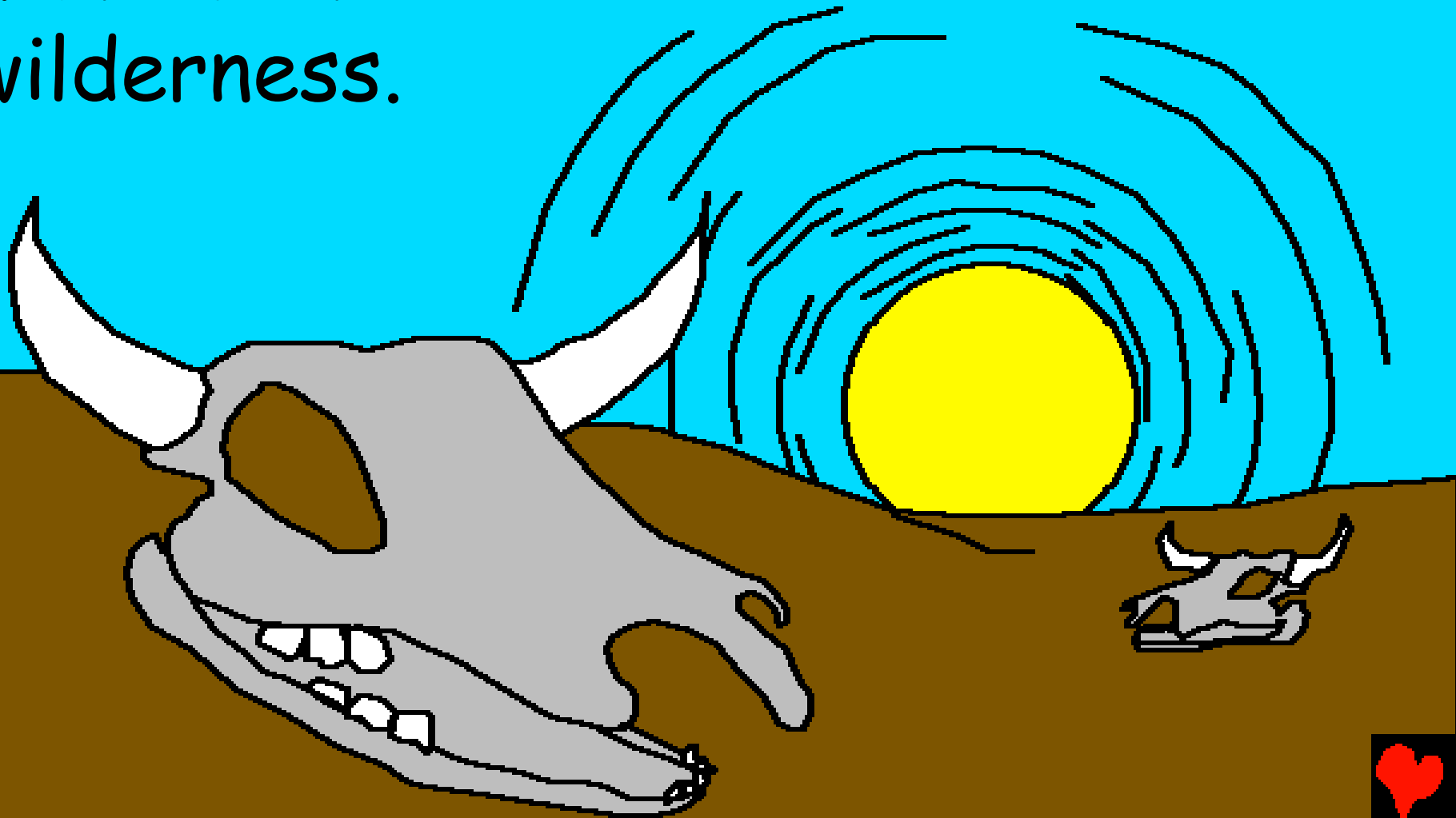
They forgot the great things God had done to free them from Egypt.



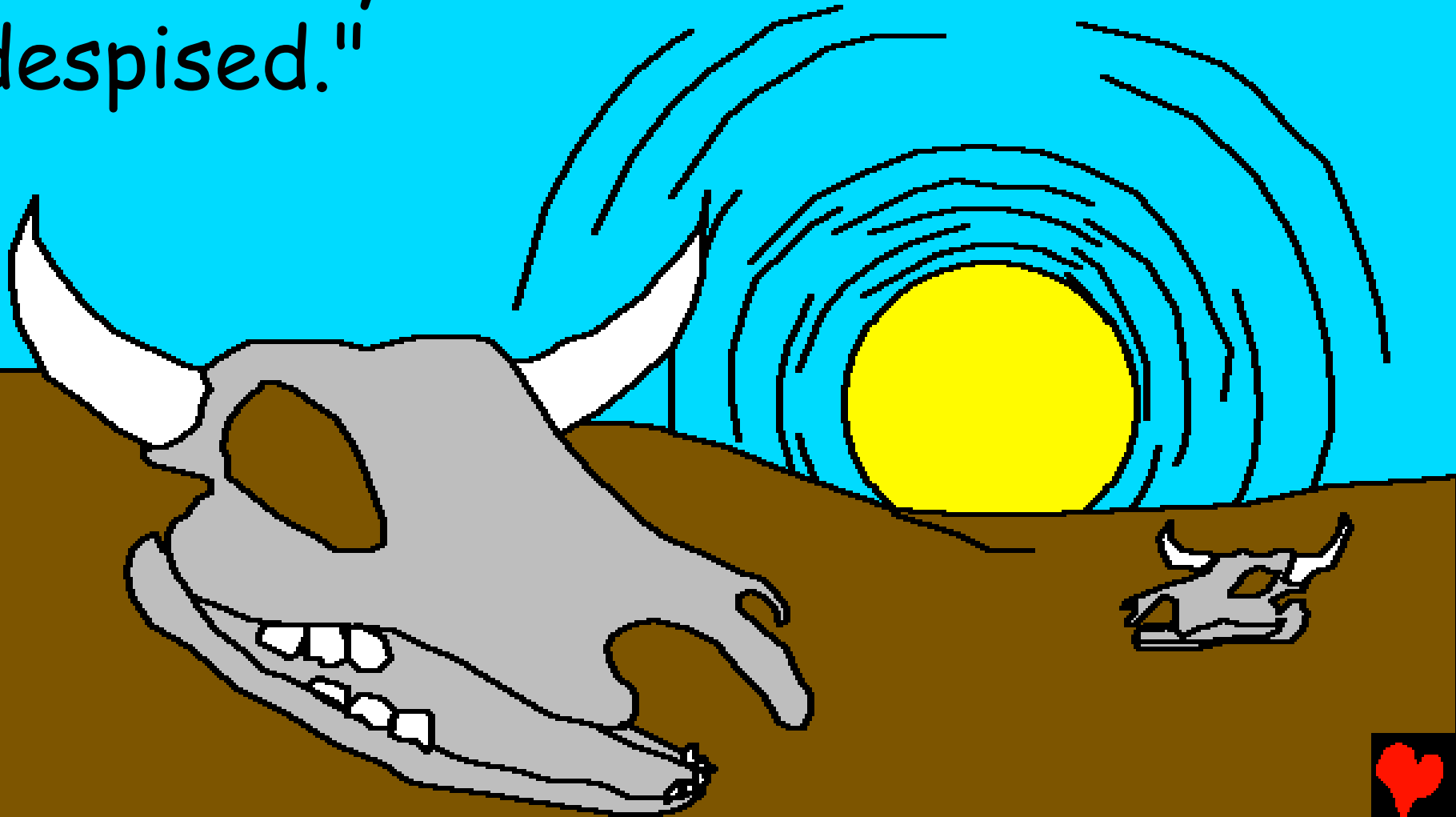
The people followed the ten unbelieving spies. They cried and prepared to go back to Egypt. They even tried to kill Moses!



God saved Moses' life. Then He told the people, "For forty years you will wander in the wilderness."



Only Caleb, Joshua, and your children will live to enter the land that you despised."



Forty Years

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Exodus 15 to Numbers 14

"The entrance of Your Words gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me
and now lives again. Please come into my
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have
new life now, and one day go to be with You
forever. Help me to live for You as Your
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every
day! John 3:16

